



# **MEAP**

## **Coordinator Update**

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### **SPRING 2004 – MEAP VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Tune in to the 2004 Spring MEAP Videoconference on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. During the videoconference, the Office of Educational Assessment & Accountability will be providing information about the Spring 2004 MEAP High School Assessment. Further information is available at the MEAP website at [www.meritaward.state.mi.us](http://www.meritaward.state.mi.us)

The videoconference will originate from Boyd Arthurs Auditorium at Wayne RESA and will be available at several ISDs. It will also be web cast live at <http://www.mistreamnet.com> and then archived for viewing after the presentation.

It is fully understood that many districts will be on spring break and that the scheduled date may not be convenient. Unfortunately, the availability of broadcast dates was extremely limited. Please remember that the videoconference will also be available on DVD or videotape after the presentation from Wayne RESA.

If you have any questions regarding the videoconference, please contact Kimberly Young at 517-241-2360 or [youngk1@michigan.gov](mailto:youngk1@michigan.gov).

### **SPRING PILOT FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS– GRADES 4 AND 7**

In a few days, a random sample of elementary and middle schools will be receiving letters requesting participation in a spring pilot for the English Language Arts fourth and seventh grade assessments. Letters will be addressed to the principal and copied to district MEAP coordinators and superintendents.

Each participating student will take only a writing pilot or a reading pilot during the week of May 24 - 28, 2004. For those of you who were randomly selected for participation, we welcome your help in this effort to continually increase and improve our item bank for future tests.

Each year we receive a number of calls from districts volunteering for pilots. Although these offers are always appreciated, we are only able to include schools that have been randomly selected to meet specific criteria.

### **NAEP - 2004-2005**

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) will be conducting math and reading state assessments at grades 4 and 8 during the 2004-2005 school year. In addition, Michigan will be participating in the NAEP science state assessments at grade 4 and 8. Approximately 300 schools involving approximately 2,800 students will be sampled for the assessments. Sampled schools will be notified in early fall of their

participation. As a reminder, NCLB requires state and school participation in state NAEP assessments as a condition of receiving Title I funds. The NAEP state assessments will be conducted January through March, 2005.

Current math, reading and science NAEP data for Michigan and other states/jurisdictions are available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. If you have any questions regarding NAEP please contact Kimberly Young, NAEP state coordinator at 517-241-2360 or [youngk1@michigan.gov](mailto:youngk1@michigan.gov).

## **FALL CONFERENCES SURVEY AVAILABLE ON-LINE**

The Office of Educational Assessment & Accountability wants to hear from you regarding session preferences for the fall MEAP and MI-Access conferences. Your participation in an online survey regarding conference topics is requested.

The survey asks you to rate potential session topics in five broad categories:

- MEAP
- Assessing Students with Disabilities Program
- Assessing English Language Learners Program
- Accountability
- General issues

You are welcome to respond to some or all parts of the survey components. Access the survey now at <http://esrealitycheck.com/survey/index.asp?i=1833065>. The site will remain open receive responses until April 29, 2004.

## **MEAP FALL CONFERENCE DATES/LOCATIONS**

The MEAP 2004 Fall Conference is tentatively scheduled to be presented at the following dates and locations:

1. Tuesday, September 21, 2004 – Marquette, Northern Michigan University
2. Wednesday, September 22, 2004 – Grayling – Holiday Inn
3. Monday, October 4, 2004 – Lansing – Lansing Center
4. Wednesday, October 13, 2004 – Grand Rapids – Crowne Plaza (28<sup>th</sup> Street)
5. Monday, October 18 – Detroit area, Best Western Inn, Sterling Heights

## **FROM THE MICHIGAN MERIT AWARD OFFICE ...**

Merit award status reports could not be produced following the Spring 2003 test window, so 2003 data was sent along with the information from the class of 2004.

Although schools and families have previously received reports from Fall 2003, data clean up has now been completed on the file that was recently received from the MEAP. Status Lists for the class of 2003 and 2004 were sent to district coordinators the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Merit office maintains the cumulative data needed to determine which students are Merit Award winners. Now that data is available, Awardee and Non-Awardee letters have been sent to students as well..

Merit and MEAP offices maintain separate databases and, presently, it is necessary for changes to be made in both systems. The offices are working together to develop a system that will provide regular transfers of updated information, reducing the need for districts to provide duplicate data.

Remember that the MEAP and Merit offices are now located in two different departments. Questions related to the Merit awards should be directed to the Merit office at 1-888-95-Merit.

## **SPRING 2003 RESULTS ARE ONLINE**

MEAP reports including parent reports for Spring 2003 may now be accessed via the secure web site at [www.michigan.gov/meap](http://www.michigan.gov/meap)

All reports including parent reports may be printed from the secure web site. Student Labels are not yet available. More information regarding printed reports is forthcoming.

## **REPORTS SUMMARY**

Following is the current status of reports for the various test cycles:

### **Winter 2003**

- School Reports – mailed 12/10/2003
  - Comprehensive
  - Demographic
  - Item Analysis
  - Parent
- Guide to Reports – mailed 12/10/2003
- Student Labels – mailed 1/10/2003
- TestWiz files – currently available on secure web site

### **Spring 2003**

- School Reports – available on secure web site 3/26/2004
  - Comprehensive
  - Demographic
  - Item Analysis
  - Parent
- District Reports – available on secure web site 3/26/2004
- Guide to Reports – not yet available
- Student Labels – not yet available
- TestWiz files – currently available on secure web site

### **Fall 2003**

- School Reports - mailed 2/10/2004
  - Comprehensive
  - Item Analysis
  - Parent
- District Reports mailed 2/16/2004
  - Comprehensive
- Guide to Reports – mailed 2/10/2004
- Student Labels – mailed 3/18/2004
- TestWiz files – not yet available

## MEAP CONTACT INFORMATION

As a reminder, the new email address for the MEAP help desk is [meap@michigan.gov](mailto:meap@michigan.gov)

In addition, you may want to note the following phone numbers and web addresses:

MEAP office local phone number (517) 373-8393

MEAP office toll-free phone number (877) 560-8378

MEAP office FAX: (517) 335-1186

MEAP secure database: [www.michigan.gov/meap](http://www.michigan.gov/meap)

Public MEAP and MERIT web site: [www.meritaward.state.mi.us](http://www.meritaward.state.mi.us)

MEAP Mail Address: P.O. Box 30008  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

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